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SERIAL ROBBERY INVESTIGATION LEADS TO THREE ARRESTS

RIVERSIDE, CA – On Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at approximately 2:05 p.m., Officers assigned to the University Neighborhood Enhancement Team (U.N.E.T) responded to 1201 University Avenue, at the Sushiya Restaurant, to investigate a strong arm robbery. The victim told the investigating officer two black male adults entered the restaurant and one of the suspects ripped a chain from the victim's neck. The suspects fled and entered a vehicle missing a bumper.

On Saturday 23, 2017, at about 4:00 p.m., U.N.E.T Officers responded to 1201 University Avenue regarding a strong arm robbery that occurred at the University Village. The victim said two black male adults approached him to solicit his signature for a petition when one of the suspects ripped a chain off his neck. The suspects fled and entered a vehicle with a missing bumper. At approximately 4:15 p.m., U.N.E.T Officers responded to the Palms Apartments at 1400 University Avenue, to investigate a strong arm robbery. This victim also said two black male adults approached him to solicit his signature for a petition when one of the suspects ripped a chain from his neck. The suspects again fled and entered a similar described vehicle, but the victim was able to take a photograph of the suspect vehicle and license plate as it drove away.



On November 2, 2017, U.N.E.T Officers served search warrants with the assistance of the Riverside Police Department's METRO (SWAT) Team, along with Central and West Neighborhood Policing Center officers. Three suspects were located and safely detained.

Antonio Sharpe Jr., 23-years old, Nathaniel Graham, 24-years-old, and Stacey Williams, 23-years-old, all of Riverside, were arrested and later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center for several counts robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery.



Investigating officers believe there may be additional victims and witnesses to these crimes that have not yet been reported. Anyone with information should contact Officer Richard Glover, Officer Glen Cleary, Officer Stephen Sica, or Officer Jonathan Elkhoury at (951) 827-8638 or <u>unet@ucr.edu</u>.

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